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LETTER DATED 17 DECEMBER 1998 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF
YEMEN TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith the text of the statement by the Government of Yemen, which was issued by the Yemeni News Agency, concerning the attack by the United States of America and the United Kingdom against Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abdalla Saleh AL-ASHTAL
Ambassador
Permanent Representative



Annex

Statement issued on 17 December 1998 by the Government of Yemen

The Government of Yemen is following with deep sadness the situation with regard to the attack by the United States of America and the United Kingdom against Iraq, a fraternal country. It condemns this blatant act of aggression and reaffirms that the use of force, the application of double standards and the selective interpretation of resolutions adopted by international organizations are unlikely to establish security and stability in the region. Accordingly, it calls upon the Governments of the United States of America and the United Kingdom to put an immediate end to this attack and to lift all the restrictions imposed on the people of Iraq, whose sufferings are being inflicted in defiance of humanitarian principles and moral values.
